



### **Port of Gulfport To Hosts Port Tours On Saturday, October 18, 2014**

GULFPORT, Miss. - The Port of Gulfport will be offering port tours again to the public on Saturday, October 18, from 9 a.m. until noon. This is an excellent opportunity for the public to go behind the scenes for an up close look at the Port's infrastructure and operations.

Tour participants will be able to board shuttle busses at PJ's Coffee, located at the corner of 14th Street and Highway 49 in downtown Gulfport. The port tours will be guided by members of the Port staff and are open to the public and free of charge. All age groups are invited to attend.

Tours are expected to last 30 minutes with shuttle departures staggered in 15-minute increments. This first shuttle will depart at 9 a.m., the second at 9:15 a.m., the next at 9:30 a.m., and so on until the last shuttle departure at noon. Please note that photography is restricted in certain areas of the port due to customs and security regulations.

Downtown Gulfport has a thriving base of restaurants and retail establishments, and visitors are encouraged to enjoy these amenities before or after the Port tour. Sample a variety of tasty items from the Lookout Steakhouse, Murky Waters BBQ, Port City Café or Tony's Pizza; check out what the Island View Casino Resort has to offer; dip your toes in the sand at the beach; or picnic and play at Jones Park – these are just a few examples of the many entertainment, retail and dining options downtown Gulfport offers.

For more information about the Port of Gulfport tours, call 228-865-4300 or visit [www.shipmspa.com](http://www.shipmspa.com).